

Application No. 10/049,690

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Response to 08/27/03 Office Action

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Office Action.

Similarly, claim 4 has been amended to overcome the rejection raised in paragraph 6 of the Office Action.

Likewise, the claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 raised by the Examiner in paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

As concerns the merits of the case, the claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of the Roberts '993 patent. Claim 1 clearly calls for the adjustment unit being supplied with hydraulic fluid by a unit that is independent of the medium being propelled by the piston. In Roberts, the fluid actuator mechanism 'K' is supplied by a hydraulic unit with compressed oil that is dependent on the medium propelled by the piston. The control valve assembly 'G' is in fluid connection via the lines 200, 212 with the suction chamber 147 via lines 202, 204 with the pressure chamber 145. Through the three way valve 206 the fluid actuator mechanism 'K' can be brought into direct connection with the pressure chamber 145 (short circuit between lines 202 and 220).

Thus, the prior art neither shows nor suggests supplying an adjustment unit with compressed oil by a hydraulic unit that is independent of that being propelled by the piston.

The applicant has also added new claims which reflect the allowable subject matter referred to by the Examiner in claim 10 of the Office Action.

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It is earnestly believed that all of the Examiner's objections have been met and discussed and that this case is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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